Webinar: Positive Relationships between Sustainable Wood Energy and Forest Landscape Restoration

1400 – 1515 CEST, 21 May 2020

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Agenda

1400 – 1405	Brief introduction to webinar and presentation of speakers
	Dr Maria Michela Morese and Constance Miller (FAO/GBEP)
1405 – 1415	The positive linkages between wood energy and Forest Landscape Restoration
	Dr Tiziana Pirelli (FAO/GBEP)
1415 – 1435	Integration of forest biomass procurement as a silvicultural tool for forest restoration in Quebec, Canada
	Prof. Evelyne Thiffault
1435 – 1455	Deployment of biochar technology in Ghana
	Veronica Agodoa Kitti (ASA Initiative, Ghana)
1455 – 1515	Q&A and open discussion
	Moderated by Olivier Dubois (FAO/AG4 leader)

Overview

The wood energy value chain and Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) are inherently interlinked, and it is important to understand the opportunities for sustainable wood energy production and use to contribute positively to FLR. This webinar introduces this important thematic area and presents two examples of positive linkages between wood energy and FLR. These case studies have been selected to highlight the potential interactions along the entire wood energy value chain – in this case, biomass harvesting, and bioenergy production and use of by-products.

The webinar is hosted by the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) as part of the Scope of Work of Activity Group 4 (Towards Sustainable Modern Wood Energy Development) of the Working Group on Capacity Building, under the thematic area of 'Woody biomass for FLR and sustainable livelihoods'. It also represents one of the activities of the project 'International dialogues on forest landscape restoration and wood energy' funded by GIZ on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany.

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Speakers

Dr. Tiziana Pirelli holds a PhD in Agricultural Science and Technology from the University of Udine (Italy) where she worked as a researcher on climate smart agriculture and on Integrated Food and Energy Systems with a focus on conservation agriculture and biochar from 2010 to 2016. In September 2016 she moved to FAO as part of the Global Bioenergy Partnership team. Since 2014, she has implemented, as lead technical expert, various cooperation projects on sustainable land management practices and bioenergy, with activities in almost 20 countries across Europe, Africa, South America and South-East Asia. She has been working with GBEP on positive linkages between modern bioenergy and Forest Landscape Restoration since September 2018, with a focus on SSA countries.

Prof. Evelyne Thiffault is an assistant professor in the department of wood and forest sciences at Laval University and a member of the Research Center for Renewable Materials in Canada. Her work focuses on the development of sustainable forest biomass supply chains and the role of forest bioenergy in the fight against climate change. Her research is distinguished by integrating aspects of ecology, forest management, development of forest products and public policies to optimize the potential of forests for climate change mitigation.

Veronica Agodoa Kitti holds a Bachelor degree in Commerce (Honours) from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana and is Member of the Steering Committee of the Africa Biochar Partnership for promoting biochar systems in Africa. She has worked extensively in poverty reduction, women economic empowerment, agriculture and soil improvements, climate change mitigation and community developments. Since 2009, she has been responsible for facilitation and implementation of biochar research outcomes at the grassroots levels, including the ACP Science and Technology projects BeBi and BiocharPlus. She is currently implementing biochar systems for energy access, land reclamation, climate smart agriculture and socio-economic development in Ghana.